

issues, we never contract, we never cut back some of the...and prune off some of the lead branches and some of the problems that are existing there. We never tighten or target tax incentives, we only expand, ever expand the breaks that we provide. That's my concern. I don't mind the idea of bringing this forward and talking about it, but it'd be nice to balance it off a little bit, as I tried to with the minimum wage, that'd be one effort to try and recognize the other side of the coin, and this is as well. We've got millionaires out there not paying a dime in income tax. I talked to one individual, business person, I was teasing him about hoping he wasn't one of those millionaires not paying income tax, and thus mad at me. And he said, look, if I was making a million dollars, it'd be the last thing in the world for me to be angry at you to, if you asked me to pay 3 percent of that back to the state. Now let's think about that, 3 percent. You make a million dollars, 3 percent is \$30,000. That only leaves you, only leaves you \$970,000 to live on for the next year. Now that is a...that's a horrible thing to ask of somebody as we turn to those who are living on a minimum wage and say they can't have a quarter an hour increase. Now, that's what we're talking about here. That's the issue. And whether you like it as simplistic as that is or not, that is what the people, I think, hopefully will understand, that we're talking about people making a million dollars, paying 3 percent of it to the state. I think that that's not a disproportionate amount to ask and I think those people can live on what remains from their earnings. I don't think it's such a disincentive that they're going to pack up and move away because the state has asked such a small amount from them to help maintain some of the quality of life that we have in our state that helps all of us prosper, that allows us to have a successful state, both economically and individually with our citizens. Now I think it was Senator Brashear who talked about the class warfare that perhaps I'm trying to stir up here. Well, I protest, Senator Brashear. It is not my intent to try and create class warfare. I am simply responding to the class warfare initiated by those who constantly find every reason to come forward to try and reduce corporate taxes on the largest corporations, not the little corporations, not the small businesses out there, but the big guys, the wealthiest, the strongest, the expanding companies. Those are the folks we help. That's who we provide corporate tax breaks to. And it's, is the same situation for individuals across the state with the capital gains cuts that we had in 775 when it passed, with the